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ICE ARRESTS MAN WANTED FOR ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE IN COLOMBIA

MANCHESTER, NH—A man wanted in his native Colombia on charges of attempted homicide was arrested by special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and deputies of the U.S. Marshals Service Friday at his Nashua residence.

Libardo Sepulveda-Catano, 43, who was living in the United States illegally, is wanted in Colombia on charges of attempted homicide. He was arrested without incident at 82 West Hollis Street, Nashua. He remains in ICE custody where he awaits the outcome of his case.

Information was received by the local U.S. Marshals office in Concord, NH from the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs that Sepulveda-Catano may be residing in Nashua, NH. ICE was contacted to assist in the arrest.

"The United States will not be a safe haven for those looking to evade justice," said Matthew J. Etre, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. "The arrest of this individual is a prime example of the unified approach to law enforcement ICE takes. We will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and use the broad and unique authorities we have to locate and remove those attempting to hide out in the U.S. The success of this operation is a credit to both ICE and the U.S. Marshals."

Also arrested at the same residence were three other Colombian nationals illegally present in the U.S., Ignacio Sepulveda-Catano, Andres Sepulveda and John Sepulveda. During further investigation it was discovered that Ignacio Sepulveda-Catano had previously been deported from the U.S. on July 28, 2003 as an aggravated felon. His case will be presented to the United States Attorney's Office for federal prosecution.

The other two cases will proceed through the Immigration Court under removal proceedings.

The Nashua Police Department also assisted in this arrest.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.